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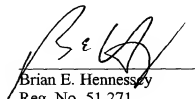
This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, original claims 1-4.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful.  
Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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